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**PETITION UNDER 1.136(a) AND  
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed February 12, 2008 in the above matter. A response to the Office Action was due May 12, 2008; Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time; thus, a response is now due on July 12, 2008 and is being timely filed.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks: